

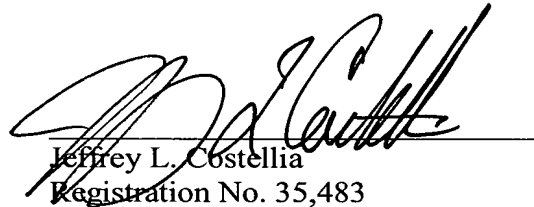
**REMARKS**

Applicants hereby amend claims 73, 80, 87, 93, 99, 105, 111, 123 and 129 in order to recite "said crystalline semiconductor island includes a nickel at a concentration of  $5 \times 10^{17}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> or less". This feature is supported at page 26, line 36 to page 37, line 8, for example. Applicants believe that Zhang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,563,426) does not disclose this feature, as a result, the subject application should be in condition for allowance.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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